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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ernest FRIEDLANDER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1637
)	
Application No.: 10/693,609)	Examiner: Babic, C.
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Filing Date: October 23, 2003)	Confirmation No. 6477
)	
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITION)	
FOR DETECTING TARGETS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: claims 1 to 48, 51, and 52, allegedly drawn to a method for detecting a nucleic acid classified in class 435, subclass 91.1.

Group II: claims 49, 50, 53, and 54, allegedly drawn to a kit for detecting a nucleic acid classified in class 536, subclass 24.3.

Group III: claim 55, allegedly drawn to a composition for a ligation reaction
classified in class 435, subclass 6.

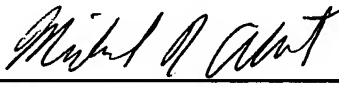
Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1 to 48, 51, and 52.

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Respectfully submitted,

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